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## GERMANS EVACUATE LODZ, CLAIMED BY PETROGRAD

### ALLIES SAY VICTORY OF TEUTONS IN EAST GREATLY EXAGGERATED IN IMPORTANCE

Assert Was Not Decisive Battle—Russians Claim to be Pushing Offensive Against Cracow Without Serious Check—Berlin's Announcement Says Attacks of Allies all Repulsed—British Take Strenuous Measures to Fit Sick Soldiers for duty and Prepare for Future Campaigns

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]  
**PETROGRAD, Russia, Dec. 19.**—It is unofficially asserted on high authority here that the Germans have evacuated the city of Lodz, Poland, which they found no greater military asset than did the Russians when they had possession of it. Meanwhile the Russian offensive movement against Cracow continues unabated by the northern developments.

### London Says German Victory in Poland Was Greatly Exaggerated

**LONDON, England, Dec. 19.**—The announcement from Berlin that the German forces had won an overwhelming victory in Poland in a decisive battle with the Russians still lacks confirmation as to details nor has Russia yet admitted such a reverse.

Some of the German newspapers are now rebuking their colleagues for exaggerated deductions as to the importance of the success.

### War's Frightful Effect on British Soldiers Shown in English Hospital

**SOUTHAMPTON, England, Dec. 19.**—The terrific strain on the soldiers engaged in the incessant fighting along the western battle line is beginning to show serious results in the return of soldiers from the front physically prostrated by the pressure of war.

The hospitals are crowded with cases of insanity and nervous prostration. These are occurring most frequently among the troops which have served severe periods in the trenches.

An amazing number of the most serious cases are not wounded.

A change of surroundings usually works rapid improvement among these men. Their stories show the terrible effects of the fighting even among those who are not hit. The concussion of one exploding shell hurled a sergeant, unscratched, 50 feet and ruptured both his ear-drums temporarily and destroyed his sight.

The exposure in the trenches in bitter cold and rain has caused much neuralgia and toothache. The swollen jaws and inability of the sufferers to eat the coarse food has proved that no soldier is better than his teeth. Many dentists have been sent to the front to care for cases of toothache.

As a result of the facts brought out by the war, the public schools are now carrying on systematic examinations of the teeth of the pupils and teaching them the proper care of the mouth.

In many instances soldiers overworked and temporarily crazed have been known to expose deliberately their hands and feet to the fire of the enemy's sharpshooters, courting trivial wounds which necessitate their removal from the trenches.

### Paris Tells of Further Advances

**PARIS, France, Dec. 19.**—Official—"Yesterday in Belgium we consolidated the territory won on Thursday south of Dixmude and advanced toward Kortekker."

"South of Ypres our progress continues through very difficult swampy territory between the river Lys and the river Oise. We advanced one kilometer south of La Bassée in spite of spirited counter attacks made by the enemy. Near Albert we advanced under violent fire to the enemy's second line of entrenchments."

"North of Maricourt incendiary bombs forced us to abandon trenches we had taken the night before. Near Mamots we captured several German trenches."

"In the forest of Lagurrie we destroyed a German underground trench."

"Our aviators confirm the report that two German batteries have been destroyed by our artillery fire, as well as one seriously damaged, on the heights of the Meuse."

### Berlin Declares Attacks Repulsed

**BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 19.**—Official—"Numerous attacks were made by the Allies yesterday against the German positions in the western arena."

"Hard fighting continues from Nieuport to Bixchoote and La Bassée."

"The Germans have repulsed attacks west of Lens, east of Albert and west of Noyon."

"In East Prussia a cavalry attack made by the Russians has been repulsed after sharp fighting west of Pilkallen."

"The German pursuit of the Russians retreating in Poland continues."

With the Forces  
of the Kaiser on  
the Firing Line



Kronprinz of Germany (above) and, in foreground (below) Gen. Sixtus von Arnim, commander of the German army of occupation at Brussels, Belgium.

### MAYOR-ELECT AND NEW SUPERVISORS MEET IN CAUCUS

At a caucus of the incoming mayor and supervisors last night Mayor-elect Lane submitted passages of his inaugural address relating to the office of city and county engineer with regard to public works. He recommended the appointment of a superintendent of the waterworks and sewers to attend to the general administration of those utilities, with the city and county engineer handling the technical details. The engineer will also handle all the technical details of road construction, according to the plan, but the actual construction will be under the control of the board of supervisors. Mr. Larsen strongly objected to the proposal respecting roads, saying it meant going back to politics in road work. Another member favored the appointment of a man of technical skill as superintendent of water works and sewers, but as that stage of the question was not before the meeting the point was not decided.

The chairman of the incoming ways and means committee submitted figures on which to formulate the appropriation bill. As the actual revenue for the ensuing year is indeterminable, he estimated resources on the basis of the revenue for the year ended June 30 last. This gave \$771,222.47 for the first six months, or almost exactly the same as the amount of the appropriation bill for the current six months, but the latter includes advances from the general fund of \$49,400 for water works and \$11,900 for sewers, a total of \$61,300. On the other hand, one-half of the year's compulsory allowance of \$63,175 for new school buildings should be reserved from the first six months' share of the revenue. This would leave \$29,713 net for the item of permanent improvements, an item absent from the current bill, to which may be added \$5900 for election expenses—unnecessary for the coming term.

With lumber for Hilo, the schooner Camano is reported to have sailed from Port Gamble on last Thursday.

### LOYAL BOURBONS READY TO TAKE ROBERTSON JOB

Democratic Warriors Lining Up Behind Favorite Candidates for Chief Justiceship

JUDGE C. W. ASHFORD TOUTED AS FAVORITE

Lightfoot and McCann Mentioned as Possibilities for the Circuit Bench

The term of A. G. M. Robertson, chief justice of the territorial supreme court, expires March 9, 1915, less than three months hence, and already the Democratic politicians are swarming and buzzing like bees in anticipation of the sweet plum which is expected to fall into their possession at that time.

Working on the theory that the chief justice stands absolutely no chance of reappointment under the present administration the Democrats are lining up behind their favorites in strong force, though thus far whatever working has been done has been shrouded in impenetrable mystery. Within the last two or three days the subject has become one of quite general discussion among the members of the bench and bar, however, and rumors, speculations and prophecies of all kinds are to be heard.

One of the strongest of these, though thus far it has received no confirmation, is that Judge C. W. Ashford, of the first division of the first circuit court, likely will fall heir to the position. As it is apposite by the president, who may select anyone no matter what his present official position may be, and as Judge Ashford apparently has stronger support locally than any other member of the faction of the Bourbon party which has found favor in President Wilson's eyes these last few months, it seems to be agreed that he stands the best chance of receiving the appointment. Members of this faction of the party are not discussing the subject publicly at present, however.

To date the name of no other man has been mentioned in connection with the place. The Bar Association of Hawaii has made no recommendations though it undoubtedly will take some action before Chief Justice Robertson's term ends. It seems to be accepted as a matter of fact that that body will urge his reappointment.

Governor Pinkham is extremely reticent on the matter. He is taking no hand in recent political affairs, devoting all his time and attention to administrative affairs of his own office and refusing to engage in political discussion on other than national interests.

Judge A. A. Wilder has just returned from Washington, but stoutly denies that his visit had any political tinge. He went east in his capacity as lawyer, chiefly in connection with the John H. estate case, on which the United States supreme court recently handed down its decision. Judge Wilder and Judge Ashford were candidates for supreme court justices when the successors to Justices DeBolt and Perry were chosen and it naturally is supposed that both are at least receptive candidates for the chief justiceship now.

A well-known Democrat made the prophecy today that Attorney Joseph Lightfoot would yet land a place on the circuit bench, intimating that he either would succeed Ashford if the latter should be elevated to the supreme court or succeed Judge William L. Whitney. There is even some talk that Jeff McCann may be billeted for Judge Ashford's position in the event Ashford is appointed as chief justice.

### MANN LIKELY TO BE WITH CONGRESSIONAL PARTY NEXT SPRING

That Congressman Mann of Illinois, one of the most influential men in public affairs of the United States and recognized as the leader in the lower house, will probably come to Honolulu with the party of Congressmen next spring is the opinion of Robert W. Breckons, vice-chairman of the Republican party here.

In a recent letter to Breckons Congressman Mann said that he would like to come to Hawaii and intimate that if opportunity offered he would do so. Breckons thinks that the notable Illinois leader will be numbered among the members of the congressional party that is to accompany Secretary Daniels here next March or April.

### SAYS COKE CALLED TO WASHINGTON BY SOME INFLUENTIAL SENATORS

That Senator James L. Coke has gone to Washington at the request of influential senators was the statement this morning by a man closely in touch with Hawaii's part in national affairs. This observer believes that Senator Coke's visit is in connection with a possible change in the U. S. district attorney's office.

### Good Advance in Sugar is Shown During the Week

Sugar has advanced by \$4.80 a ton within the past week. In the review of the stock exchange for the past six days, on another page, it is shown that up to yesterday afternoon an advance of \$1.10 a ton had been made. This morning the sugar market made two jumps in quick succession. Scarcely had the planters first report of an advance from 3.945c to 4.015c been issued than a second despatch was received announcing the price as 4.13c. This day week the price was 3.89c, so that the total gain to noon today is 0.24c a pound, or the amount a ton already stated. Between the two messages to the planters the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co. received a cablegram from Politi & Co. giving the price as 4.125c.

### 1915 SUGAR IS NOW ON WAY TO RISING MARKET

Virtually None of New Crop Sold at Low Figure of 3.89—Late Price to Rule

Hawaii's 1915 sugar crop is starting to market under very favorable conditions. Practically none of the new sugar has been marketed and several cargoes will soon arrive at a profitable figure if the present advance to 4.13 is maintained.

Manager Nowell of the Sugar Factors company stated today that of the 1915 sugar only 70 tons got to market at the low figure of 3.89. This shipment was on the Matson liner Mauna Kea.

The American-Hawaiian line's Kentuckian, out 22 days, and Mexican, out seven days, carry many thousands tons each and go direct to Delaware Breakwater, passing through the Panama canal. From Delaware Breakwater they are routed either to Philadelphia or up to New York.

The Kentuckian should arrive in six more days and her cargo ought to be sold at 4.13 or better.

The A.H. Dakotan sails tonight from this port and the Washingtonian arrived yesterday to load at Honolulu, Port Allen, Kahului and Hilo.

### COAST ARTILLERY TO AID IN ARMY RELIEF MOVEMENT

The Coast Artillery section of the army relief will be held in the spotlight during the holidays. The officers and ladies of the Coast Defense posts of Oahu are planning a theatrical offering that is confidently expected to put a snug sum into the treasury of the splendid service organization that provides for the families of soldiers who are left destitute.

Arrangements have been made to take over the Bijou theater for the nights of the 25th, 29th and 30th of this month, the Webb All-Star Players, to put on one of their best offerings, "Our Wives," for those performances. In addition there will be several amateur stunts, which will bring the program considerably over the average.

Everyone connected with the Coast Defenses is preparing for a big ticket-selling campaign, and it is a foregone conclusion that "capacity" will be the rule.

"We hope to get plenty of support from the public," said Lieut.-col. W. E. Ellis, who has charge of the theatrical arrangements for the affair. "The cause to which the money goes is a worthy one, and we expect to give value received for every dollar that the public spends."

DR. DOREMUS SCUDDER, pastor of Central Union church, is expected to return to Honolulu on the Matsushima, January 5. He is spending his last two weeks of the mainland trip in California, in personal interviews with influential men on the Japanese question. Dr. Scudder has been in Washington, D. C., and had an interview with the president.

New members to the number of 15 were voted into the Hawaii Tuna Club at a meeting of the directors of that organization yesterday afternoon. There was some informal discussion regarding the work of the organization, at which time it was brought out that many mainland anglers probably will visit Hawaii in the near future to try out the local waters with rod and net.

### FRANKLIN WANTS ADDITIONAL HELP IN HIS SERVICE

Special Agents Tidwell and Bean Will be Shown Necessity for More Men

OPENING OF CANAL HAS MADE BUSINESS HEAVIER

It is Claimed Honolulu is Only U. S. Port Where Treasury Employees Work Overtime

The lack of sufficient customs inspectors and guards at the port of Honolulu, which condition of affairs for the past two years is declared to have seriously hampered the speedy handling of large quantities of imports, will be brought to the attention of Messrs. Bean and Tidwell, special agents for the United States treasury department, who are in the city for the purpose of making a careful investigation of the federal customs in the district of Hawaii.

Collector of Customs Malcolm A. Franklin, some months ago while on a business trip to Washington and New York, brought to the attention of the treasury department the crippled condition that obtained in the territory of Hawaii because of the shortage of men.

Collector Franklin is prepared to show a marked increase in shipping at the port of Honolulu following the opening of the Panama canal to freight and passenger traffic. Ocean-going freighters now calling here on an average of two to three each month for the purpose of taking on bunker coal, while leaving no cargo behind, require the same careful scrutiny and attention at the hands of the customs officers as do the regular trans-Pacific liners stopping here to land passengers and freight.

Messrs. Bean and Tidwell will be shown over the ancient pile, which for more than a half century has served as headquarters for the customs at the port of Honolulu, while the amount expended upon its upkeep has barely been sufficient to maintain a second rate tenement in good condition.

It has been brought to the attention of the special agents that Honolulu is the only port under the jurisdiction of the U. S. treasury department where the small number of customs inspectors and guards are compelled to labor more than the prescribed hours fixed by government regulation. Instead of operating under three shifts of employees as is done at all points throughout the United States, the Honolulu customs force is compelled to perform its duties with but two watches of men.

The matter of a uniform for the officers in tropical Hawaii is a matter that will also be brought to the attention of the authorities at Washington.

### MARSHAL FAILS TO QUALIFY AS OPIUM EXPERT

And Official, in Hearing Before Commissioner This Morning, Admitted as Much

The United States marshal failed to qualify as an opium expert this morning when called before Commissioner George S. Curry to testify in the hearing of Chin Chan, who was arrested in a recent raid conducted by the marshal's office. From behind an array of 37 empty opium tins, two lamps, a pipe, scales and other paraphernalia familiar to the user of the poppy drug, Attorney Robert W. Breckons cross-examined for several minutes, ending with "I know you're not an expert," as a parting shot at the marshal.

"How do you know that this man was smoking opium?" asked Breckons.

"Because he had an opium pipe," answered the marshal.

The marshal said that he knew the substance the defendant was smoking was opium because "he was smoking it in an opium pipe, and it smelled like opium, and because it was being smoked like opium."

"What was he smoking, yen shee or opium?" queried Breckons. The marshal did not answer at once. "You don't know which?" was the question. "I don't," answered the marshal.

"But I know what opium smells like when it is being smoked."

"Do you know what yen shee smells like?"

"No."

Then the marshal wanted to know what Breckons meant by yen shee. Commissioner Curry interrupted at this juncture and stated to the marshal that he was not allowed to cross-examine Breckons. The marshal said

### PICTURES TAKEN OF MOKUAWEOWE BY EXPLORERS

Professor Jaggar and Party are Able to Get Very Close to The Liquid Fountains

ARTIST ACCUMULATES COLOR FOR PAINTINGS

Return to Volcano House Made by Successful Scientists Last Wednesday

Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent. HILO, Dec. 18.—Mokuaweowe crater has been visited again and the party that made the trip reached the edge of the huge pit and obtained some splendid photographs of the liquid fountains and cones. The activity of the outbreak has subsided somewhat, but there were still some wonderful displays. The ascent of the mountain was made on Monday and Tuesday last and the party consisted of Professor Jaggar, H. P. Wood, Demosthenes Lycourgas, J. Withers, A. Hannan and Alec Lancaster.

Mr. Hannan is an artist who has been touring the islands in search of suitable subjects to portray on canvases. He found ample material on the trip to Mauna Loa and Mokuaweowe crater.

The party was well equipped with camping outfits and went forward well prepared for the cold spell they knew they would have to encounter. Still, although the cold was intense, the members of the exploring expedition did not suffer much from the effects of the rare air and the snow and sleet.

The Volcano House trail was taken and there was no great trouble met with in the climb to the summit. Snowfields there were, of course, but that did not interfere with the pleasure and excitement of the party.

Upon reaching the summit, some of the party were forming the ascent of the crater. The adventurous ones did climb down and manage to get much nearer to the fountains. One of these jets of lava was throwing up liquid rock to the height of several hundred feet. It was a magnificent sight and a terrifying one at the same time.

The scientific members of the party made observations and also obtained photographs of the crater and fountains. The amateur-volcano students compared notes and discussed previous outbreaks of Mokuaweowe.

Two nights were sufficient in the opinion of those who made the trip, to spend on the side of the crater, so the party returned to the Volcano House on Wednesday.

### FOUNDER'S DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT KAMEHAMEHA TODAY

Founders' Day will be observed by the trustees, students, friends and members of the alumni of the Kamehameha schools this afternoon at 4 o'clock through appropriate ceremonies to be held at the grave of the late Mrs. Bernice Pauahi Bishop by the Royal Mausoleum in Nuuanu Valley.

The program will be opened with the singing of "He Inoa no Pauahi," at which time the grave of Mrs. Bishop will be decorated by students in charge of Miss Katherine Burgess. Following the singing of "Pauahi o Alii" and "Pauahi o Kalani," a brief ritual service will be held by the students of the manual department of Kamehameha.

Special services in memory of Mrs. Bishop will be held in the Kamehameha chapel at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

he knew what yen shee was—that it was the scrapings from an opium pipe after opium had been smoked in the pipe.

"But the question is, do you or do you not know the difference between yen shee and opium?" persisted Breckons.

The marshal made the statement that yen shee could not be smoked until it first was mixed with a little real opium.

"Did you never hear of them taking yen shee and mixing it with a little water and smoking it after it has dried," asked Breckons, "or boiling yen shee?"

"I'm no expert, Mr. Breckons," said the marshal.

"I know you're not," answered Breckons. And the examination went to sleep.

A further hearing of the case of Chin Chan will be held before the commissioner Monday.

To receive repairs to its machinery the Matson tug Intrepid has gone into the floating drydock. The vessel will be out of commission for some days.

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